

# School Board Action Report

*“Every student achieving, everyone accountable”*



**DATE:** January 29, 2009 **FINAL**

**FROM:** Director Steve Sundquist

## TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Amendment to Final Closure Recommendation— For Introduction: January 29, 2009  
Assigning Cooper Students For Action: January 29, 2009

The initial motion made on January 7<sup>th</sup> is listed first; proposed amendment(s) follow.

## FINAL CLOSURE MOTION

I move that the School Board approve the following motion, the specifics of which can be found in the Superintendent's Final Recommendations on Capacity Management:

- **Closing the TT Minor building for instructional purposes**, relocating the Montessori program to the Leschi building and reassigning remaining TT Minor students to Lowell; and
- Relocating the Lowell APP students who live in the Central, South, Southeast, West Seattle North and West Seattle South clusters to a new APP program at Thurgood Marshall; and
- Retaining the Lowell APP students who live in the Queen Anne/Magnolia, North, Northwest and Northeast clusters at Lowell
- Relocating two of the Thurgood Marshall elementary bilingual orientation center classrooms to Dunlap and two to Hawthorne; and
- **Closing the Old Hay building for instructional purposes**, (at least temporarily, depending on enrollment numbers) and relocating the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center students and program to Meany; and
- **Closing the Mann building for instructional purposes**, and relocating Nova students and program to Meany; and
- Reassigning Meany students; and
- Relocating the Washington APP students who live in the Queen Anne/Magnolia, North, Northwest and Northeast clusters to a new APP program at Hamilton; and
- **Closing the Van Asselt building for instructional purposes**, and relocating the students and program to the African American Academy building; and
- Reassigning African American Academy students; and
- **Closing the Genesee Hill building for instructional purposes**, and relocating the Pathfinder K-8 students and program to the Cooper building; and
- Reassigning Cooper students; and
- Create a new K-8 in the Jane Addams building with a Northeast cluster assignment and transportation draw;<sup>1</sup> and

- Restructure the AS #1 program and retain it at Pinehurst, contingent upon the success of the restructuring actions; and
- Discontinue the Summit K-12 program and reassign students.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

I move that the School Board approve the following amendment:

Reassign the majority of Cooper students to three schools: Gatewood, Highland Park and Arbor Heights. Students who live in the West Seattle North or West Seattle South clusters who have been reassigned from Cooper to Gatewood, Highland Park or Arbor Heights will be eligible for school bus transportation to these schools if they live outside the walk zone. Students currently served in the autism self-contained and inclusion programs would remain at the Cooper location and be incorporated into Pathfinder. In addition students who live within the Cooper walk zone would remain at the Cooper location and be incorporated into Pathfinder.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

This amendment would apply only to current Cooper students, not to future students who might move into the current Cooper reference area. A separate Board motion addresses the future of the Cooper reference area.

Staff will determine the geographic area that will be assigned to each of the three buildings. Students who live in those geographic areas will be assigned to that building.

Cooper staff will be reassigned based on current contract language.